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C. TELECON COL WHITE, MR. DENNEHY, FEB 10, 1975

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. AS RECOMMENDED IN PARA 4 OF REF A, DISCUSSION ON COMPENSATION FOR THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ELEMENT OF THE MAAG SHOULD BEGIN ASAP. PARA 7 OF REF B OUTLINES THE PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

2. THE PLAN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR
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SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY SERVICES IS TO INCLUDE THESE

COSTS IN THE FY 76 TAF PACKAGE. UNDER THIS PLAN THE USG WOULD CONTINUE TO PAY COSTS OF SALARIES, PCS, ETC., FOR ALL PERSONNEL IN ARMISH/MAAG AND RELATED SUPPORT FACILITIES AS WELL AS FOR ALL TAFT PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, COSTS TO INCLUDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THAT PORTION (APPROX 80 PERCENT) OF MAN YEARS OF ARMISH/MAAG AND RELATED ACTIVITIES WHICH PROVIDE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY SERVICES, WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TAFT PACKAGE. THIS PORTION WOULD BE CALLED SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY ELEMENT TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM TAFT'S. GOI WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FULLY REIMBURSE THE USG FOR THESE ADVISORY SERVICES, WHICH WOULD BE CHARGED ON THE BASIS OF MAN YEARS AND WOULD INCLUDE ALL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES. GOI WOULD NOT REIMBURSE USG FOR REMAINDER OF MAN YEARS (APPROX 20 PERCENT) WHICH ARE NOT DEVOTED TO PROVIDING THESE SERVICES. SIMILARLY, THE ARMISH/MAAG SUPPORT ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING COSTS OF SUPPORT PERSONNEL) WOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE TAFT SUPPORT PACKAGE TO BE TOTALLY REIMBURSED BY THE GOI.

3. EACH SERVICE IS IN PROCESS OF PREPARING SEPARATE LETTERS OF OFFER FOR TAFT'S AND WILL IDENTIFY THE MAN YEARS AND COSTS INVOLVED FOR THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY ELEMENT AND RELATED SUPPORT COSTS AS A SEPARATE LINE ON THE DD1513. A SEPARATE CASE FOR TAFT SUPPORT COSTS WILL BE PREPARED BY DA AND WILL INCLUDE THE COST FOR SUPPORT ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

4. RATIONALE FOR ABOVE IS THAT IN THIS MANNER SECURITY ASSISTANCE WILL BE BROKEN OUT FROM THE MAAG AND PAID FOR SEPARATELY AS FOR THE TAFT'S. COMBINING THESE COSTS WITH THE TAFT WILL FACILITATE ACCEPTANCE BY GOI OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR MAAG SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.

5. AS NOTED ABOVE, THERE IS NO INTENTION THAT GOI SHOULD PAY SALARIES OF USG PERSONNEL AND THE TRANSACTION DESCRIBED ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED IN THOSE TERMS. RATHER, THE OBJECTIVE IS TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE GOI FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE GOI. THE
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COST FACTORS APPLIED TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES WILL BE DEVELOPED BY DSAA. THE ABOVE PROPOSAL IS BEST METHOD AVAILABLE TO INSURE APPROPRIATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUR ASSISTANCE EFFORT TO THE GOI. THE UNCERTAIN AVAILABILITY OF MAP FUNDING DICTATES THAT GOI MUST REIMBURSE USG FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY SERVICES TO INSURE THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PRESENT LEVEL OF ADVISORY EFFORT INTO THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

6. BASED ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE US FUNDED PORTION
FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY REF C,
DSAA WILL PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE FOR THE PORTION TO BE
FUNDED BY THE GOI. CURRENT ESTIMATE OF TEAM ARRIVAL IN
IRAN TO PRESENT THE TAFT PACKAGE IS 28 FEBRUARY. REQUEST
YOUR COMMENTS ASAP. DOD CONCURS. KISSINGER

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